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LETTERS OF WILLIAM FITZHUGH.

April 25th, 1691.

Mr. John Cooper:

S^r yours of Dec^r date last I received by Capt. Gutteridge, & therein inclosed your letter of Procuracy about Coll^o Pye and his Acc^t Currant, at the receipt whereof he happened to be at my house. I then shewed him his acc^t Currant & the power I had which he seemed not then to be displeased with, but objected there was not altogether so much due & that he had sent you bills of exchange drawn upon Mr. Samuel Groome, for your full ballance by the last shipping to which I returned answer, that let him tell me what he said was his just due and his bills for upon said Groome, & I would take such bills of him with letter of advice and pay, if not already paid; the debt he said was thirty odd pound, but could not remember the particular sum which he has promised me faithfully to perform, & for the remainder of the ballance we have agreed to leave that open till we hear from you next year and that you by your Acc^t clear the same, upon which he has promised payment of that also. Thus S^r I have acted for you as for myself esteeming it better to get the better three parts of four & leave the quarter disputable, than clash for the whole and endanger all. Sir, I received the inclosed bill of loading with the things therein mentioned, though I must tell you part of the things were damnified, the coarser sort of Drapes extreamly coarse, and the finer sort not very fine, I could have wished both sorts a little finer, for when I send for goods I would have a medium used, neither too fine nor too coarse. I have by this ship the "John & Margaret" Capt. Philips Commander consigned you four hh^{ds} sweet scented Tob^o which please to dispose for my best advantage. I heartily thank your care for endeavouring to take me freight you may see, & now I hope to get else where. I approve of your payment of £10 to my mother last year and desire you to do the same this & by the first convenience to send me my Acc^t Curr^t. Inclosed have sent you a bill of exchange for £4. 9. 7. drawn upon Jno. Marsh and Robert

Ruddle, which if you have not already receive, please to receive, for in my last by the Ship Hopefull of Nov^r date I sent a former of those bills, which perhaps may be come safe to hand before this. In my next perhaps may be capable of consigning you some Tob^o and remitting you more bills, till when I shall conclude myself.

S^r Your Wff.

To Mr. Jno. Cooper.

April 25, 1692.

Mr. Jno. Taylor:

This comes for a Cover for a bill of Loading for six hh^{ds} sweet scented Tob^o by the advice & perswasion of your good friend and mine Mr. Samuel Chue who will satisfie as to the sort and goodness of the Tob^o, he having before approved the same, and to whom for that part I refer. Also in the same bill loading you will find our small cask clear of freight, which with the six hh^{ds} I am well assured you will dispose to my best & most advantage. Please to give my humble service to your honoured father and acquaint him that the last I spoke with Esq^r Wormley about his debt, he assured me he would take effectuall care with himself to satisfie him; which I hope has done. I am Sir

Your Wff.

To Mr. John Taylor.

April 25th, 1692.

Mr. Samuel Chue:

Honoured friend. Upon second thoughts I have thought convenient to treble two hh^{ds} promised by making them six Consigned to Mr. John Taylor, to whom I hope & am well assured that according to your promise you will give it a due Commend, for what I value is the future estimation and expectation not the present profit & am confident will answer the Character you know best to give thereof. I have also farther enlarged my first promise by four hh^{ds} more consigned to Mr. John Cooper which are all now in the Sloop. The six consigned to Mr. Jno. Taylor are thus marked and No. (viz) WF No. A, WF No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & a little barrell WF No. o, which the mate promised me

freight free. The four consigned to Jno. Cooper are marked and numbered (viz) 6, 7, 8, & 9. I have been thus particular because you might not mistake in the bills of Loading. Please S^r by the first conveniency to send me two bills loading of each and inclose one of each sort into Mr. Taylor's. Mr. Cooper's letters and John Taylor's have sent open for your perusal, that you might pursue your promised methods accordingly which I know you'll inclose & seal up. S^r according to your desire shall write effectually to our Collector for clearing your dues here, I hope to see you e'er long and then shall make you full Satisfaction for some goods I had of the Mate and shall have full opportunity to assure you I am

Sir Your Wff.

June 21st, 1692.

Mr. Cornelius Sergeant:

S^r. Hearing so fair a character of your honest and punctual dealing by Capt. John Moore Commander of the good Ship the Assurance of Bristol, in which you are a considerable owner both of ship and cargo and withall considering your present trade of a Tobacconist, I have sent you three hh^{as} sweet scented Tob^o all ready stemmed and fit cutting without any manner of loss or trouble. I suppose you will presently understand the goodness of your Tob^o by your taste and the method of trade you are now in, also Capt. William Jones & Capt. Robert Hooke two of your own Country masters can inform you of the goodness & esteem of the sweet scented Tob^o made upon my plantation in former times in Bristol, they having purchased some thereof from me, I desire you S^r to sell the same for my most advantage & make me return thereof by the first ship bound out of your parts for Potomack River in Virginia with bills of Loading to be delivered at my landing (viz) in Kersey's, Cottons and Bedminsters Cottons, Coarse canvass, Iron ware and shoes, thread and silk, also a hundred of Gloucestershire cheese and what else you think convenient for this Country's use, so expecting to hear from you by the first opportunity I rest. I would have you also send if you could with conveniency and early send me in four spinning wheels to spin flax with. I would have them East Country wheels.

June 15th, 1693.

Capt. Robert Edgecomb:

S^r I have by your own ship consigned you one hhd. of sweet scented Tob^o and one small barrell stemmed, upon freight as you'll see by bill of Loading, w^{ch} I would desire you to dispose to my best advantage & send or bring me in the effects in coarse goods, (viz) Kerseys, Cotton, blue linen, nails and shoes for the product. I have only to caution you, that perhaps neither the Tob^o may answer your expectation in a generall market in your Port, because there they may not generally be used to such Tob^o but if I might advise I believe it would be the best way to take some out of the small barrell & make a present to some considerable Gentleman your friend which I am confident would give the whole parcell a good and profitable market. However leave the thing wholly to your own discretion. I have no more at present to add, but to wish you a prosperous voyage, and if it be for your advantage a good return here again where you will be most acceptably welcome to

S^r your Wff.

To Capt. Robert Edgcomb at Plimouth.

July 18th, 1692.

Mr. John Taylor:

S^r. By this Ship that this goes in the John & Margaret Capt. Phillips Commander I formerly sent your letter with bill of Loading for six hh^{ds} sweet scented Tob^o and a small barrell freight free, as by the letter and bill of Loading you may fully see, I second this by the same ship with the same Tob^o (which I suppose Mr. Sam^l Chue has given you a full account of) as by the inclosed bill of Loading for two hh^{ds} you will see, which also I would have you dispose to my best advantage. In my next by Capt. Goodridge I shall be more large and shall ord^r the disposall of the money produced thereby.

Wff.

To Mr. John Taylor Merchant in London.

Mr. Cornelius Sergeant:

S^r. The above is copy of my former by Capt. Moore of the 21st June, 1692. I send this by Capt. Jas. Scott in the Mount-

joy and in it inclose a second bill loading and also inclosed have sent you Capt. Scot's bill of exchange upon Mr. George Mason for £22. o. o. and Richard Walters Doct^r of Moore's ship his bill of exchange for £7 sterling both which I would desire you to receive for my use and send me it in also in goods, as is above expressed. Now Sir I have given you a particular account of what goods I would have you send me by the first ship bound for this River of Potomack in Virginia and desire you to take care therein, but if I have expressed more goods than my money will reach would have you make a proportionable abatement out of the things sent for, or if my money comes to more than will purchase the aforesaid goods I would have to make a proportionable addition to the goods. I must request you also if you can to save me the freight, because if my Tob^o proves according to my expectation, I design to consign you more next shipping, and shall be willing to freight it with ship that brings in my goods. Also I expect some goods by Capt. Moore which I would have yet amongst those for saving charges. It would be of great advantage to me could I have those goods come to me by Christmas next, which I hope a short passage to his ship might effect.

I rest,

Sir your Wff.

To Mr. Cornelius Serjeant, Duplicated by Goodridge.

July 4, 1692.

Mr. John Taylor:

S^r. By Capt. Philips in the John & Margaret I have sent you two letters one of the 21st April past acquainting you of six hh^{ds} Tob^o sweet scented consigned you at the freight in the bill loading mentioned, together with a barrell of stemmed Tob^o freight free, the other of the first July last giving you an account of two hh^{ds} more sweet scented Tob^o consigned you in the same ship, as by the severall bills of Loading in the respective letters and the Duplicates inclosed, in this you will fully see. I have also in my former letter referred you to Mr. Samuel Chue for an account of the goodness and esteem of my Tob^o which about three days since in his letter, he assured me he had performed. I hope the goodness of the Tob^o will answer its character and I

don't doubt but your honest skill and ingenuous Dexterity in dealing will fully answer my expectation and give me encouragement to continue a future trade and correspondence with you. If my Tob° comes safe to your hand please S' to send me these following goods for the produce thereof if the money will reach it but let me not be a farthing in debt (viz).

Those goods S' I would have you send me by the first ship bound for Potomack River in Virginia and to take a bill Loading to be delivered at my landing and I would have all but the Iron ware pack'd in good saleable chests and trunks which though it be dear in the first Purchase yet considering their usefulness and conveniency for sale renders the less loss in the conclusion. If the money for the Produce of my Tob° should not reach to the goods mentioned please to make a proportionable abatement of the goods; if it overdoes, please to keep the overplus money in your hand till farther.

Order of

Wff.

To Mr. John Taylor, Mercht., &c.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

CHARGES AGAINST GOVERNOR NICHOLSON.

[From original MS. in possession of the Virginia Historical Society.]

A Memoriall Concerning the Mal-administrations of His Excell^y
Francis Nicholson, Esqr., Her Ma'ties Lieut. and Governour
Generall of Virginia.*

Not to speak of the vast number of Instances of his injustice, oppression and insolence to particular persons which would require a large volume, we shall limit our observations to his behaviour toward our selves in the severall capacities wherein we act whether as members of her ma'ties council or as the Upper house of Assembly or as Judges of the general Court, with

* Nicholson's second term as Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia began December 9, 1698, and ended August 15, 1705.